

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

JANUARY, 1898.

A Happy New Year to All.

✓ Mr. Purdy, after 12 years faithful work, has resigned from the Central school, and his place is taken by Mr. McMartin, a graduate of McGill University.

Frank Fisher, Lily Sampson and Mary McFadden, at present take the lead in the Home Sunday School, first class; Theo. Fisher and Howard Horel, second class; and Mary Walter and May Richards, third class.

A rubber stamp, with one's name and address in $\frac{3}{4}$ inch letters, may be obtained from the Secretary of the Fruit Exchange, Victoria, for 75 cents or \$1. It is convenient for stamping one's name on egg boxes and apple boxes.

Christmas Day dreadfully wet! Such a disappointment! The Christmas Eve Service at St. Mary's, Fulford Harbour, was well attended, notwithstanding the bad weather, there being upwards of 40 present. At St. Mark's, on Christmas afternoon, the number present was rather slim.

During the advent season, missionary meetings were held both at St. Mark's and at St. Mary's churches, and collections for foreign mission work were made at each place. Several children have also taken collecting cards and are trying to help a little in furthering God's work among the heathen.

St. Mark's Ladies' Guild has thus far had two meetings; one at the Rev. E. F. Wilson's, and one at Mrs. Broadwell's. Several orders have been received for needlework, socks, etc., and the ladies are having a busy time. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Mahaffy's, Wednesday, January 12th. Twenty ladies belong to the guild.

Weather Report for November:—Kuper Island mean temperature 38.9; maximum (on the 1st) 55.5; minimum (on the 28th) 22.0; mean proportion of bright sunshine .126; maximum (on the 2nd) .769; days' completely clouded 17; snow 4 inches; total precipitation of rain and melted snow 8.53 inches.

The steamer *Joan*, which formerly connected with Salt Spring Island, and the *City of Nanaimo*, our present boat, are both of them to be put on the Klondyke route; and we are to be left again with the *Histle*, which is a small, inferior craft. Another steam vessel is, however, we hear, coming to our relief, in the shape of the *Clayoquot*, which, if sufficiently patronized, will make two trips a week between the lands and Victoria.

Are you going to Klondyke? Is the question one

hears on all sides now-a-days. Stick to your farms is our advice; there is no fear of freezing to death here on Salt Spring Island. The little Island of Jersey, smaller than Salt Spring Island, has a population of 60,000, and a number of steamboats run daily taking flowers and fruits, and choice vegetables to the London markets. What Jersey is to England's capital, Salt Spring Island should aim to be to the capital of British Columbia.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL, *January 16th*, Luke VIII-IX

(1) Who was "Legion"? (2) What was put in 12 baskets? (3) What happened to Jesus on a mountain? (4) What was the meaning of the Parable of the Sower? *January 23rd*.—Luke X-XII. (1) What did Mary do? (2) Who said, "Lord, teach us to pray"? (3) What did the rich man do? (4) Tell the story of the good Samaritan? *January 30th*.—Luke XIII-XV. (1) What did Jesus do on the Sabbath day? (2) What did a woman lose? (3) What did Jesus say about making a feast? (4) Tell about the Prodigal Son. *February 6th*.—Luke XVI-XVII. (1) Who was Lazarus? (2) What became of the rich man? (3) Why did Jesus say, "Remember Lot's wife"? (4) Tell about the ten men who were lepers. *February 13th*.—Luke XVIII-XIX. (1) What did the publican say? (2) What did Zacchæus do? (3) What did Jesus say about a "needle's eye"? (4) Tell about Jesus riding in to Jerusalem.

The Christmas tree entertainment at the North End school house was held Thursday evening, December 23rd, and, notwithstanding the bad weather, the room was crowded to its fullest capacity. Miss Furness, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Mahaffy, and other ladies had exerted themselves to make the entertainment a success, and all passed off most satisfactorily. The proceedings began with a short speech by the Chairman, and then the children came up one or two at a time for a song or a dialogue or a recitation. A fair, little blue-eyed girl of 8 years old said a piece beginning with "Don't Kill the Birds, Boys," and she recited it bravely as if she meant it. A mischievous looking little chap told "How a Cobbler Mends Shoes." Three dark little maidens sang a song very prettily; and a jolly smiling little fellow of 6 years old brought down the house with an innocent little acted piece, "This is my Chin, These are my eyes, Don't you Think I'm Growing Wise." After the children, some of the older people gave songs and readings. Then came a liberal supply of sandwiches, cakes, pears and tea. And last of all the Christmas tree, each child receiving two presents, four oranges and a bag of candies.